

# Enabling Neighbourhoods and Communities Fund

## Criteria

### Introduction

The Enabling Neighbourhoods and Communities Fund is a Scottish Government fund worth £500,000 administered by Corra Foundation.

The purpose of the Enabling Neighbourhoods and Communities Fund is to provide small grants to community and voluntary groups across Scotland who are connecting and supporting people within their local community.

The Fund aims to reach groups who:

- Have strong local relationships.
- Help increase the wellbeing and social connections for communities.

It is only available to groups or organisations that are rooted in their community and have received little/or no emergency funding during the pandemic.

### Who can apply?

Community groups, membership groups, voluntary groups, social enterprises, and charities who:

- Have local people leading the delivery of support/activities for the benefit of their community.
- Provide support or activities for their community at no charge and/or small fee.
- Have a volunteer management committee.
- Confirm any potential profits are used to benefit the local community and/or other charitable purposes.

Groups or organisations who were established to help meet the needs of their neighbourhood or community during the pandemic can apply if your purpose and activities fit with other criteria.

### How much is available and what can it be used for?

Grants usually between £1,000 - £2,000 (maximum of up to £5,000) will be available.

Larger applications may be considered for some groups/organisations, where proportionate, if the application demonstrates a strong fit with the criteria and exceptional community need.

Funds will be unrestricted. This means that the group or organisation may use this funding for any purpose so long as it supports your local community and fits with the purpose of your group, as outlined in your application.

This funding could help to cover running costs or deliver support or activities in your local area over the next 12 months.

Examples of what funds could cover:

- Providing support to local people affected by coronavirus (e.g. shopping, wellbeing support, connecting people).
- Volunteer expenses.
- Covering rent or hall hire for community spaces (when Scottish Government Coronavirus restrictions allow and it is safe to do so)

- Helping volunteers and community members stay safe (e.g. PPE, training).

### **How to apply?**

Groups and organisations will need to complete a short online application that will ask for:

- Information about the group/organisation.
- Contact details for a member of the group.
- How the group or organisation supports their community.
- How much money is required.
- How the money will be used.

You will also need to provide a copy of the group/organisation's most recent bank statement, clearly displaying sort code and account number. The bank account must be in the name of your group or organisation.

You will also need to provide a copy of your constitution.

A constitution is a governing document for your group or organisation. A constitution sets out aims and objectives of your group/organisation and some clear rules around how you operate and make decisions.

If your group or organisation does not have a constitution Corra Foundation can provide some support or direct you to local organisations who can help develop your group structure.

If your group or organisation does not have a constitution or their own bank account you may still be able to apply through a 'Buddy Organisation'.

Buddy organisations must have their own constitution, bank account, and operate within the same local community. The buddy will need to confirm they know your group and that they are able to hold money in their account on your group's behalf.

If you have any questions about applying through a buddy organisation or need any support to complete the form please contact us on [hello@corra.scot](mailto:hello@corra.scot).

### **What happens next**

Once the application is received you will receive an email confirming this. Your application will be reviewed to ensure it meets criteria and is eligible for support. Should there be any questions or missing information someone from Corra will be in touch.

Please note, if your grant request seems quite large in relation to your group/organisation's usual income, we will follow up with a conversation to better understand the needs of your community at this time. We may adjust grant requests where necessary.

We will aim to let you know the outcome of your application within two weeks of receiving the form.

If successful, the main contact listed on your application will receive an email advising them of the grant amount, grant conditions, and payment information. The email will also tell you about what will be required in terms of feedback and evaluation. This will be a straightforward process to tell us about how you spent the money and what difference the grant has made to your community.

If unsuccessful, you will receive an email to let you know why the application did not fit the criteria and why we could not support your activity at this time.

**Who can't apply?**

- Groups or organisations that are currently in receipt of Scottish Government Coronavirus Recovery and/or Emergency funding.
- Individuals.
- Sole trader.
- Groups looking for funds for political campaigning or promoting religious activities.

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